

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-5, 7, 9-15, and 20-24 are currently pending in the present application. Claim 8 and 16-19 were previously canceled, and claim 6 is now canceled.

Claims 6 was canceled, without prejudice or disclaimer, to remove the non-statutory subject matter and not limit the scope of the pending claims. No new matter has been added.

Applicant would like to thank the Examiner for the withdrawal of the rejection of claims 16-19 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, claims 16-19 under 35 U.S.C. 101, claims 1-3, 5-7, 9-10, 9-14 and 16-24 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,854,871 to Nicolas-Morgantini et al.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for indicating the claims 1-5, 7, 9-15, and 20-24 are allowable. Applicant agrees that the prior art of record does not describe or suggest the claimed invention.

Reconsideration of the application is kindly requested in view of the remarks below.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, 2nd paragraph

The rejection of claim 6 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph is rendered moot in view of the amendment indicating the cancellation of the claim. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection is requested.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 101

The rejection of claim 6 under 35 U.S.C. § 101 is rendered moot in view of the amendment indicating the cancellation of the claim. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection is requested.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, Applicant believes the pending application is in condition for allowance. In the event the Examiner believes an interview might serve in any way to advance the prosecution of this application, the undersigned is available at the telephone number noted below.

Applicant believes no fee is due with this response. However, if a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 03-2775, under Order No. 12810-00109-US from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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